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SUBJECT: KOSOVO DEMARCHE DELIVERED, BUT UZBEKS ARE  
NONCOMMITTAL

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Per instructions in reftel A, on February 20 we delivered demarche to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Americas Chief Ismat Fayzullaev. He listened to the points and undertook to forward the information to the appropriate officials, as did his superior Takhir Mamajanov last week during a similar discussion with the Ambassador. As noted in reftel B, the Government of Uzbekistan made clear that it does not welcome U.S. involvement on the Kosovo issue. The Uzbekistan delegation at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) also issued a statement on February 19 which reads as follows:

"The official position of the Government of Uzbekistan regarding the unilateral proclamation of independence by Kosovo is as follows: All questions connected with the declaration of independence by countries should be settled within the United Nations. Regarding the independence of Kosovo, Uzbekistan has not yet finalized its position."  
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